

First Victory Gives Athletics Decided Advantage in Fight for Baseball's Most Coveted Honor

CHEROKEE INDIAN HERO OF OPENING STRUGGLE

Constant Effort Against Scoffing World Fitted Charles Albert Bender for Supreme Battle In Which He Coolly Carves Name In History.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 18.—You remember the drama that was a favorite season or so past in which an Indian schoolboy was the hero? Strongheart was his name and it gave to the play its title.

Out in Shibe Park yesterday afternoon, when the baseball world was watching the start of the world's series, Charles Albert Bender, a Cherokee of full blood, earned the right to be called another Strongheart. With the famous Chicago Cubs facing him, surrounded by more than 25,000 excited, tense baseball fanatics, with the electrical effect of all this attention concentrated upon every ball he pitched, this man from the silent places worked unmoved by the tumult, untouched by the tension that kept men and women upon the rack throughout the struggle.

It was Bender's day, Bender's game, Bender's glory. He put a chain and a muzzle on the mighty Cub and tied him to a hitting post.

Bender would have shut out the mighty champions of the National League and former world's champions but for the drop of a foul by Thomas and a momentary fumble by Strunk. He retired Chicago in rotation in eight innings, and only one hit was made off his delivery up to the ninth.

Bender Noble Character.

A story worthy of a Dickens or a Stevenson lies back of the marvelous alien's stolid skill that held the Cubs Leisless and of the stoicism that heard unheeded the roar of the crowd. It is the story of a life set apart by race distinction, of nerves hardened by many slights cast upon a sensitive spirit.

From his school days in the United States Government School at Carlisle Bender sensed the difference that was made between the white man and the red in the affairs of life. When the time came for him to leave school he selected the baseball profession as the one best for which he was fitted, and he did this with the full knowledge that he would encounter the prejudice of hostile crowds because of his color.

As he tells the story this prejudice, instead of embittering, hardened him, made him oblivious to the crowds, aroused in him a cool, calculating determination to win in spite of the jeers and cheers. It was a cruel school and a hard one, but it has made of this Cherokee the foremost pitcher in the American League, according to the official records, and has equipped him with a heart of oak and nerves of corded steel.

Out of his brave, competent, sensitive soul, he has evolved patience, indifference to outward circumstances, and the ability to concentrate mind and muscle to their utmost endeavors.

Adversity and red skin have made Bender the champion that he is, and is measurably responsible for yesterday's brilliant victory of the Athletics.

Selected Long Ago.

Much mystery has been made of Connie Mack's choice for the pitching position in the first game. Everyone figured that the team winning the first game would have the better chance for the dearly coveted world's championship. To those who knew the estimate in

which Mack holds the Cherokee, there was no mystery. The manager of the Athletics knows this man to the marrow. He has seen him quiver and harden under the injurious of hostile throngs and critics. He has seen him emerge, cool, defiant, and victorious from many a bitterly fought game. He above all others, knew that this was the man upon whose skill the hopes of Philadelphia and the honor of the American League might rest most safely.

It is no secret now that Captain Davis and the others of the team felt that Bender was the man of the hour. He had been "pointed" especially for this game and he felt confident of winning. That, in the Cherokee, meant that the Cubs were half beaten before the game started.

The victory that was won by the coolness, speed, and skill of Bender does more than give to the Athletics the credit of the first win. It has steadied them, given to them confidence, fighting spirit, ginger, and has increased their fighting strength. They feel confident of winning today, and with Bender ready to go back at the Cubs on Thursday, they can see nothing for the old town of William Penn but a world's championship.

Cubs Play Strong Game. It was a game to talk about all winter, one in which the marvelous baseball machine handled by Frank Chance gave a beautiful exhibition of its defensive power and a flash of what it could do on attack.

This flash came in the ninth inning after Thomas' foul, but missed it. Solid hits by Tinker and Archer and a fumble by Strunk let in the only Chicago run, but Beaumont was thrown out at first. Schulte got a base on balls, Sheppard struck out and Hofman brought the game to a close by smashing a hard one to Baker, who touched third base, retiring King in the field.

The same Baker must receive much credit for the runs scored by the Athletics. He hit the jump ball of Over-all and the curves of McIntire with equal freedom and effect and fielded brilliantly. Eddie Collins and Danny Murphy, the reliable of the Mack camp, were not far behind Baker in hammering out runs and Collins was the victor of the game in fielding.

A crowd that taxed the capacity of street cars and railroad trains, and that brought a huge procession of automobiles into requisition, made the game the occasion of a holiday.

Marvelous Pitching Wins.

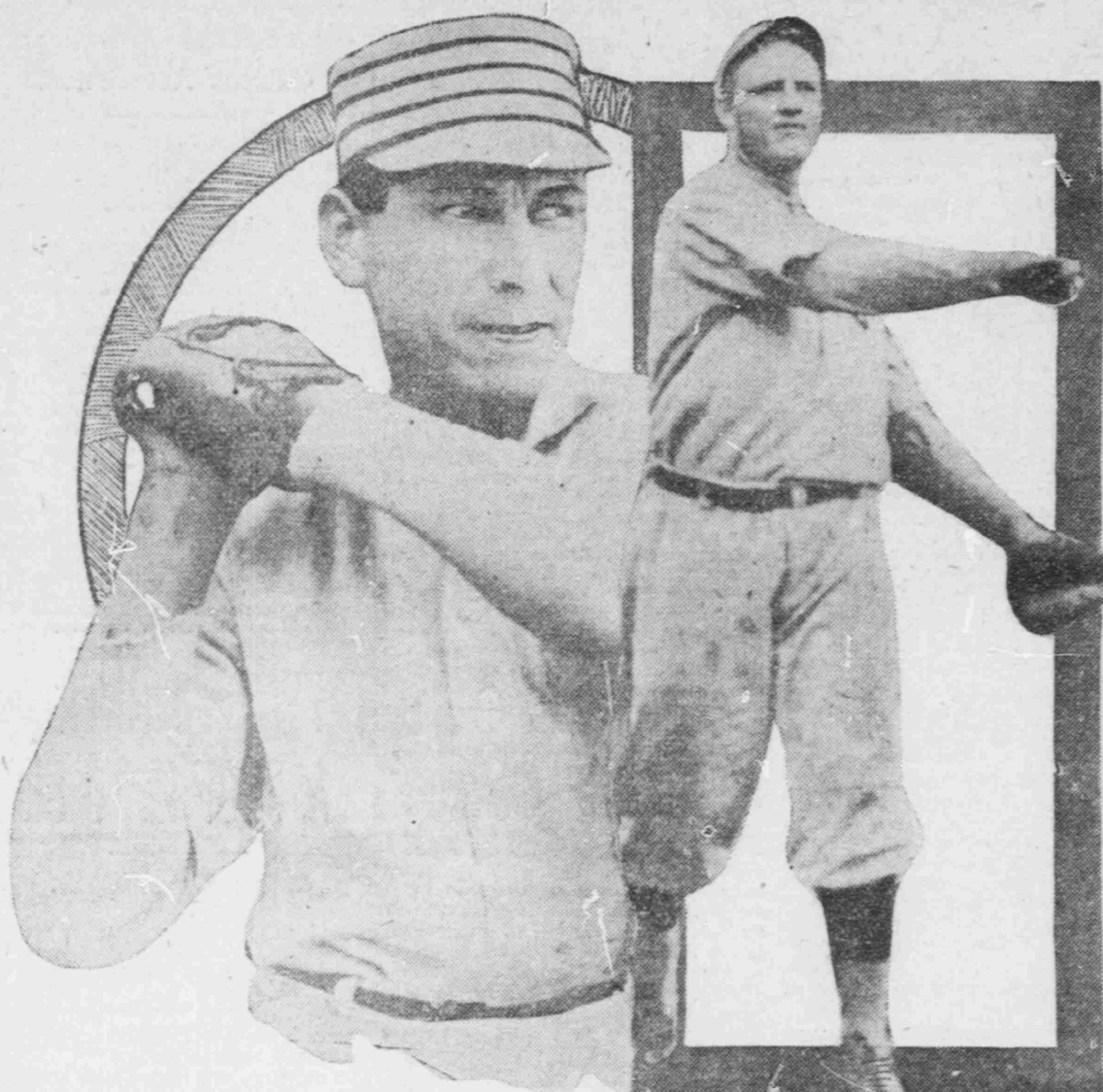
Notwithstanding the closeness and tenseness of the game, there were only few spectacular moments and thrills were rarer than usual. It was marvelous pitching against scientific teamwork and the pitching won.

Not in all the summer was there a day more suited to the sport than yesterday. The temperature was delightful both for players and spectators and there was just enough of sun to make fielding difficult.

The throng that ringed the field and was piled high on grandstands and bleachers was too eager, too anxious to do much rooting. Its applause went in generous sportsmanlike measure to the victors of the game. The tension broke in a cheer that sounded like the thunder of artillery and the thousands rushed in torrents from the stadium, making the field a lake of humanity and the streets rivers of happy, eager, cheering fans.

It was a day and a contest that justified baseball as the game of the American nation. It was a clean, clever, hard fight, and the result of it all was that the Cherokee, who has gained strength through adversity and has wrought success out of the race prejudice that has been his life portion.

Opposing Twirlers in Opening Game of World's Series



"CHIEF" BENDER.

ORVIE OVERALL.

SAYS NEW LEAGUE IS ASSURED FACT

Promoter of Opposition Organization to Open Office in New York.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Oct. 18.—D. A. Fletcher, the Toledo promoter, who proposes to organize a new league in opposition to the American and National Leagues, while here today announced that both he and his business associates will arrive in New York, on or about November 1, to open permanent headquarters there for the new league.

Fletcher announces that the new league is a positive go. "I intend to get 125 players, the cream of both leagues. I have already sixty-two stars of both leagues signed up," said Fletcher today. "As soon as our headquarters are opened in New York we will get in touch with all star players in the country and all players of the major leagues will make a great mistake to sign up with the present owners, until they hear from us. We are paying a nice bonus for every player we sign, in addition to an increase in salary."

"The proposed new league will consist of eight clubs. Four towns I am absolutely certain of. They are New York, Boston, Chicago, and St. Louis. The others will be chosen from Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Detroit."

Fletcher today received a letter from a prominent real estate firm in New York offering a site there "far better than either of those now owned by the Giants and Yankees." The letter reads in part:

"It is a situation in which the present big league parks or any other conceivable spot in Greater New York could not approach its transportation facilities either in time necessary to reach it or number of lines running to it."

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Those who saw Jack Johnson drive his racing car yesterday at Sheepshead Bay, where he is training for his race Thursday with Barney Oldfield, declared today their intention of being on hand when the end came, in the hope of collecting a few gruesome souvenirs.

They expect the negro to be melted into the landscape to such an extent that it will require a site blotting paper to collect the remains. By beating Johnson at his own game—crash shooting—Oldfield decided that the heats of the race should be five miles each. If Oldfield wins he will take the place of Jim Jeffries in the all-star athletic aggregation that is to tour the world.

Official Score of First Game

The following are the exact figures compiled by the official scoring board appointed by the National Commission:

CHICAGO.	AB.	R.	H.	SB.	SH.	SO.	BB.	PO.	A.	E.
Strunk, cf.	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lord, lf.	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Collins, 2b.	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	5	0
Baker, 3b.	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	8	2	0
Davis, 1b.	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	11	0	0
Murphy, rf.	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Barry, ss.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Thomas, c.	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	8	2	1
Bender, p.	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0

Totals.....26 4 7 1 2 4 4 27 13 2

CHICAGO.	AB.	R.	H.	SB.	SH.	SO.	BB.	PO.	A.	E.
Sheppard, lf.	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Schulte, rf.	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Hofman, cf.	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Chance, 1b.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	2	0
Zimmerman, 2b.	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	0
Steinfeldt, 3b.	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
Tinker, ss.	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0
King, c.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0
McIntire, p.	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Beaumont	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
*Kane	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals.....28 1 3 0 0 8 2 24 15 1

*Batted for McIntire in the ninth inning.

*Ran for King in the ninth inning.

Athletics.....0 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 x-4
Chicago.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-1
Left on bases—Athletics, 4; Chicago, 2. First base on balls—Bender, 2; Off Overall, 1; Off McIntire, 2. Innings pitched—By Overall, 3; by McIntire, 5. Times at bat by opponents—Against Overall, 11; against McIntire, 13. Hits made—Overall, 6; Off McIntire, 1. Struck out—By Bender, 8; by Overall, 1; by McIntire, 4. Two-base hits—Baker (2), Lord. Division of errors—Muffed fly, Thomas; fumbled grounder, Strunk; wild throw, McIntire. Umpires—Messrs. Connolly (American) and O'Day (National). Time of game—1 hour and 50 minutes. Attendance—28,891.

MORDECAI IS HOPE OF DEFEATED CUBS

Connie Mack Urges His Men to Go Into Game Determined to Win.

(Continued from First Page.)

catching in the early practice of the Athletics.

Four members of the Chicago National League team narrowly escaped death in a collision between a taxicab in which they were riding and a mail wagon and an automobile on Twenty-first street this afternoon. Steinfeldt, Tinker, Schulte and Hofman were in the taxi on their way to the second world series game when the accident occurred.

All of the men were badly shaken up, but escaped injury by jumping, though the rumor spread around that they had been killed.

Not Afraid of Cubs.

Philadelphia was full of comical little tricks that showed they were not awed by the reputation of the Cubs. They believed Combs could out-pitch Mordecai Brown, and that perturbed them up amazingly. The report here that Cobb, Mullin, Donovan, and other Detroit players had returned their checks to Fletcher, promoter of the forbidden post-season, all-star series pleased both the fans and the magnates. The players did not give up the checks until after a thorough investigation convinced them that they would not be able to collect.

In discussing the subject, George Mullin, the Detroit pitcher, said the trouble in baseball politics was mostly due to the failure of the owners to mix with the players enough to league their viewpoint, and it is not far wrong at that.

"Wid" Conroy Is There.

"Wid" Conroy is among those prominent in the press box today. He is representing the Chronicle, of Moorestown, N. J., which is in the United States. The Chronicle made a nice mention of "Wid" as one of the town's solid citizens, where he added a new wing to his house last winter and rehinged the north end, so he offered to report the games here for the editor, who was too busy to come himself, because he was engaged in being in the winter supply of rutabagas.

George McBride, Washington's shortstop, and desirable citizen, was also in evidence.

Autos for Batting Stars.

Warren Miller, Washington's outfielder, with the club last spring, and recalled after this season with Wilkes-Barre, is in town trying to buy tickets for friends for Saturday's game. He is wintering at Pottsville, Pa. He is full of "pep." Says the only way to keep him from making the team next year is pull the suit off with a grappling hook.

Bill Hart, senior, is among those present. He said there were now new developments in the Union League.

At one forty, proceedings were delayed by the arrival on the field of two autos, which were then and there presented to "Ty" Cobb and "Larry" Lajoie. At least Larry got it, but he was not there. President Murphy of the Cubs shook hands with President Chalmers of the auto company, about a million cameras clicked. "Ty" Cobb climbed to the wheel of his car and drove off land.

There was more clicking by the

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Ban Johnson met the Eastern newspaper men this morning from other cities than Philadelphia and to make arrangements for them to travel to Chicago on the second of the baseball specials. They will leave at 8:55 tonight, and a family of thirteen eating one chicken never handed in an order as plentiful for less more than the high-browed gents of the typewriter have handed in imperative demands for lower berth.

Washington Celebrities There.

Tommy Noyes, Eddie Walsh, Chick Green and a host of other Washington baseball celebrities are in our midst, and some very pleasant evenings are being spent. It is real homelike to have the neighbors drop in in this distant city and tell you all the news about that, dear Washington.

Pickets for the second game were plentiful enough, in the hands of the speculators, and the boys with hawk noses, shifty eyes, and grizzled hair as thick as flies around a molasses barrel. They did not get the prices that ruled yesterday, but they made a pretty

"GO AT 'EM AGAIN," CHANCE'S BATTLE CRY

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 18.—"Forget yesterday and go after 'em today," was the slogan that Manager Chance sounded to his bear cats at the Aldine Hotel this morning. There was no denying the Cubs were jarred by their defeat in the opening game, but it is when you get the Cub bunch roused and mad that a real game results.

Thus it was that the fans headed Shibe Parkward again today confident of seeing another sterling battle, and hoping of witnessing Jack Combs, the shut-out marvel of Mack's staff, repeat the wonderful performance of "Big Chief" Bender in the opener.

While Chance was exhorting his men to forget yesterday, wily Connie Mack was urging his men to remember the glorious day, remember that the Cubs were not such terrible animals after all; remember that all it took to beat them was to get the jump on them.

"If we play as lively a game as yesterday and hold our feet, we'll beat Chicago again," was the grim leader's sage advice.

By many Philadelphia fans Combs was counted as a great bogman. His record for the season was thirty victories and nine defeats, but it was his work of pitching fifty-three successive innings without having a run scored off him that stamped him as one of the finest of the time. The word from the Cub camp was that Brown felt as strong as a Colossus against the Athletics, and a bet down on the Athletics had no occasion today to take a pessimistic view of life.

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CHAMPION BATTERS GET AUTOS TODAY

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 18.—Immediately before the second game of the world's series at Shibe Park today, Ty Cobb and Napoleon Lajoie will be presented with the automobiles they won in the major league batting contest this year.

Hugh Chalmers, the donor of the big prizes, will make the presentation in person. Chalmers originally offered one car to the champion batter of the big leagues, but when the race between Cobb and Lajoie ended a difference of only .008 of 1 per cent, in favor of the Tiger, Chalmers requested the national commission to accept automobiles for both of these great batters.

At a meeting of the commission yesterday it was decided that Cobb and Lajoie deserved the honor of a public presentation in the presence of the world's series fans.

The cars they will receive are duplicates in every particular. "Ty" Cobb is already in attendance at the world's series reporting the games for the Press. Lajoie is expected for today's game, but if he does not arrive, some one, probably President Johnson, of the American League, will accept the car for him.

VICTORY CAUSES JOY IN POCOMOKE

POCOMOKE CITY, Md., Oct. 18.—Pocomoke City is baseball crazy on account of yesterday's victory by the Athletics over the Chicago Cubs.

Twenty-five died-in-the-wool fans went to the Quaker City for the games. Some of them will follow the American League champions to Chicago.

Frank Baker, the Athletics' third baseman, was a member of a fast semi-professional team which represented Pocomoke City three years ago. Hence the enthusiasm. There is not a Cub rooter to be found in Pocomoke City.

ILLINOIS PITCHER WON'T GET REWARD

MEMPHIS, Oct. 18.—Although directors of the Southern League, who adjourned after a lengthy session, ratified action previously taken resulting in a fine of \$1,250 on the Montgomery club for salary limit violations, Herbert Juhl, former University of Illinois pitcher, who furnished the evidence, will not be rewarded with his "baseball liberty" for turning state's evidence on his cium.

Under the constitution, any player furnishing such evidence shall be declared a free agent. Juhl, however, failed to furnish the evidence within ten days of the time his private contract was made, as stipulated, and he reverts now to the club that was fined for paying him in excess of the league limit. The proceedings are regarded as setting a precedent in organized baseball.

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